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1. AS NORTHERN IRELAND VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS FOR THE SEVENTH TIME IN TWO YEARS AMID NEW OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE, THE ELECTORATE APPEARS BEMUSED BY THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF TODAY'S REFERENDUM, AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE POLL WILL NOT BE OVER 50 PER CENT (SEE REF A).

2. A MAN WAS SHOT DEAD BY BRITISH SOLDIERS LAST NIGHT HEAVING THE SCENE OF AN EXPLOSION OUTSIDE A PROTESTANT PUBLIC HOUSE IN BESSBROOK, SOUTH ARMAGH AS TWO OTHER MAN GOT AWAY. ONE MAN WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THE EXPLOSION. THE VILLAGE HAS A LARGE PROTESTANT POPULATION IN A PREDOMINANTLY CATHOLIC AREA AND IS ONLY A FEW MILES FROM THE MAIN BELFAST-DUBLIN ROAD WHERE THREE PROTESTANTS WERE SHOT ON MONDAY (SEE REF. B).

3. A PROTESTANT IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION AFTER BEING SHOT WHEN ANSWERING HIS DOOR IN NEWRY LAST NIGHT AS TWO GUNMEN OPENED FIRE BEFORE ESCAPING BY CAR. MEANWHILE, PEOPLE HAVE

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BEEN WARNED TO WATCH OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES AND LETTERS,

AS A LETTER BOMB WAS SENT TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN BELFAST
YESTERDAY. THE ARMY SAFELY DEALT WITH THE BOMB. FINALLY,
A SEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL WAS ABDUCTED BY A MASKED GUNMAN FROM
HER HOME IN NEWCASTLE LAST NIGHT AS HER PARENTS WERE AWAY.
POLICE ARE MYSTITIED AS TO WHY SHE WAS SINGLED OUT FROM FIVE
OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOUSE.SINGER

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